

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 09/986,686
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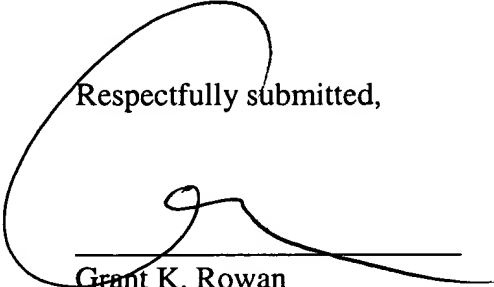
REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 7-9 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 6 and 10 have been canceled. The Examiner has indicated that claims 4 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have rewritten claims 4 and 9 to place them in allowable form. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend from claim 4 and claims 7 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 9. Therefore, claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 are allowable at least because of their dependency. The remaining claims have been canceled, rendering the rejection of those claims moot. Therefore, the application is in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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